

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21670

This proposal will amend Section 21-105, Idaho Code. Subsection 21-105(d) requires non-primary National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) airports to submit pre-application information and obtain Idaho Transportation Department approval before submitting a request for federal grant funding. Eliminating this requirement will simplify the application process for the state and the airport owner. This requirement adds no value to the grant process and is an added administrative burden to the state and the airport owners and should be deleted.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) works directly and closely with NPIAS airports in developing the capital improvement plans and maintenance plans for these airports and prioritizing grant funding for these efforts. Although the Idaho Transportation Department does generally share in the local match for federal airport aid grants, the state's share is completely discretionary at the determination of the Idaho Transportation Board. The fact that a federal grant is awarded to an airport does not obligate the state to provide any funding. Beyond that, the state capital improvement program between the Division of Aeronautics and the Northwest Mountain Regional FAA Airports Office provides good oversight for the Idaho Transportation Department and allows state-level input into the FAA grant planning process. The requirement for airport sponsors to provide a pre-application request to the Transportation Department is a superfluous administrative requirement and should be removed by deletion of Sub-Section 21-105(d), Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact if the bill passes or if it fails.

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